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### SPALDING'S Official INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE 1909

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## INDOOR BASE BALL

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 13 From this beginning, the game has grown until it now reaches out into all parts of the country, and thousands upon thousands are entertained during the winter months either as active participants or as enthusiastic followers of the teams engaged in the sport.

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## THE GAME'S PROGRESS

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 17 result was much smaller figures and more on the professional basis of base ball, until now, with numerous clubs and leagues all over the country, the game has reached a scientific standpoint hitherto unsuspected of fulfilment. It can be played in any hall of size which will permit of sufficient light and room for the diamond and fielding, the composition of the floor being immaterial,

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as the rubber- soled shoes required to be worn will allow running on even the waxed floor of a dancing hall. About the smallest size for a playing floor is 40 x 50 feet. A larger surface will, of course, allow greater freedom for fielding and running. The spectators are usually placed in the right and left field, on either side of the catcher's territory, and in galleries, according to the construction of the room used for play. At first the sport was confined to a few of the social clubs of Chicago, which had organized a league, but of late years great strides have been made toward having the game spread all over the United States. Many of the Chicago clubs have made trips to cities East and West and played indoor ball before large crowds of spectators, who had become initiated in the sport, and consequently extremely interested, for it is said of indoor ball that it is the most exciting sport which the winter months give us, for, the space allotted for play usually being somewhat confined, the spectators and players are at no great distance from each other, and the rapid action is of a very exciting nature. Some excellent players have been developed, especially among amateurs. Several professionals have tried their hand, but find themselves outclassed by the more nimble amateurs, as agility rather than strength enters largely into the sport. In playing the indoor game, ordinary base ball suits are the proper dress, except that the spiked shoes are done away with and rubber-soled ones used instead. At the knee and hip the trousers should be thickly padded, as

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 19 contact with the floor at these points is a common occurrence. A different style of play is noticeable in the successful indoor player from that adopted outdoors. In sliding to bases there must be perfect abandon, and, sliding well around the bag, the arm can be thrust out in passing and the base held. In batting, the ball can be bunted successfully, and, as the first contact with the floor decides its fairness, this feature is one practiced by many of the best players. Still, it must not be supposed that long hits cannot be made, for many home runs have been credited on drives that are astonishing in their force. The short stops usually play close to the batter-about ten feet, one on either side of the pitcher, for in the indoor game

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the right fielder comes into the diamond and takes the position known as "right short." The umpires' duties are rather difficult, as the quick play and closeness to the players oftentimes actually prevent their seeing the action, but in case one is unable to judge the other may be appealed to. It is surprising to note the expertness with which girls also can play the game after short practice. Many of the schools have leagues for girls' clubs and under proper training they develop wonderful playing, their contests being highly interesting though of necessity the number of spectators is more limited. Indoor base ball is a pleasant, agreeable and moderate sport. It has delighted thousands and incidentally developed an increasing interest in the outdoor game so closely are the two allied. It has emerged from what was at first termed a "fad" to a well-balanced, exciting sport, and there no longer can be any doubt that it has come to take its proper place among such games as foot ball, cricket, tennis and golf.

F. D. BALDWIN, Chairman Advisory Board, Eastern Committee,

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### **SUGGESTIONS TO UMPIRES**

**SUGGESTIONS TO UMPIRES** 9f One of the first things for an umpire to acquire is to thoroughly familiarize himself with all the rules so that he can give a decision quickly and not be obliged to refer to a rule book. Assume full charge of the play from the commencement to the termination of the game, be firm in your decisions, and do not allow any player except the captain to discuss a decision with you, nor allow the play- ers to discuss a decision among themselves, as wrangling of this kind is very annoying to the spectators. Never be too friendly with the players or talk with the spectators during the progress of the game and especially do not argue with them about any of your decisions. Never start a game without having a thorough understanding with both captains regarding the ground rules. See that the players take their positions in the field promptly and that the next batter up is always ready to take his place at bat. Remember that life and action

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is what makes the sport interesting, and a slow, listless game is very wearying to the people who pay their money to see you perform. Don't be afraid to move, so as to get in the best possible position to properly judge a close play. The umpire should think the same as a player, that if a certain play is made, what he should do, and figure out what position he should -take to see the play properly. As a parting injunction do not under any circumstances allow profanity or vulgarity of any kind, for nothing will so quickly demoralize the sport and cheapen the game.

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### INDOOR BASE BALL ON THE PACIFIC COAST

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A, M. GRILLEY, Y. M. C. A., Portland, Ore. Member Advisory Board.

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 33 the roaring of many lions. Until this feature was toned down somewhat people with sensitive ears did not care for the

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sport. During the last winter the attendance at the indoor league games was large and enthusiastic, better than even in the first year when professionals played the game.

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### THE ART OF BATTING

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SERGEANT RONALD H. NICHOLS, A. M. C., President Toronto Garrison Indoor Base Ball League (32 teams); Secretary- Treasurer Western Ontario Indoor Base Ball League (7 teams); Secretary- Treasurer Toronto Garrison Sergeants' Indoor Base Ball League (6 teams); Member Board of Governors Canadian A.A. Union; First Vice-President Toronto Garrison Athletic Association.

1, Netterstron; 2, Whitman; 3, Lubke; 4, J. Rovenkamp; 5, Gaul; 6, Bruhl- man, Umpire; 7, Moetonsen, Mgr.; 8, James; 9, Lontill; 10, W. Rovenkamp; 11, Thompson. MOODY TEAM, CHICAGO.

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1, Cutter, Scorer; 2, Barnabee; 3, Lusk; 4, Heintz; 5, Cramer; 6, Ucker- man; 7, Goeckel; 8, Robb, Mgr.; 9, Hanson; 10, Baxter; 11, Keller. HAYNES CLUB TEAM, CHICAGO. Stafford, Photo. Champions Chicago Indoor Base Ball League, Season 1907-8.

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ELKS' TEAM, QUINCY ILL., Champions Quincy Indoor Base Ball League.

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i, mltnn; z, Asman; 3, Grover; 4, Gaerther, Capt.; 5, Babcock; 6, Thomp- son; 7, Burbridge; 8, Speir; 9, Fellows. SIGMA ALPHA TEAM, BAY CITY, MICH.

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1, McCormick; 2, Vander Molen; 3, Dale; 4, Kaashock; 5, Raum; 6, Minardi; 7, Ryder; 8, Selzer; 9, Sardie; 10, Campbell. MANHATTAN ATHLETIC CLUB, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

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sideration by the Executive Committee in giving final decision bearing on the subject. Any protest that cannot be handled by a local league shall be referred to the Advisory member in charge of the territory, who shall appoint two disinterested parties to act with



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him as a committee, and shall, after due notice, try the case under such regulations as they may prescribe, and their finding shall be final and conclusive on all parties unless an interpretation of the rules be involved, in which case an appeal may be taken to the President of the Association and his ruling shall be final. ARTICLE IX. The Secretary, upon the written request of a member of the Executive Committee, or three members of the Association, shall submit any question to a vote of the Executive Committee. Within five days after the vote on the question he shall mail to each member of the Association the question and the result of the vote. ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS. (1.) The Constitution of this Association may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee, providing such alterations or amendments have been submitted in writing, together with the name of the member proposing it. (2.) Any section of this Constitution may be suspended or its provisions made non-applicable by a unanimous vote of the Executive Committee.

1, Campbell; 2, G. Kelly; 3, Martin; 4, Byrnes; 5, Curtin; 6, R. Kelly; 7, Fletcher; 8, Lynch, Mgr.; 9, Zimmerman; 10, Phillip; 11, Dowling, Capt. ST. PAUL TEAM, OWOSSO, MICH. Day Studio, Photo. Junior Champions of Owosso.

### ORGANIZATION OF LEAGUES

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1. McConkie; 2, Farrell; 3, Rankin; 4, Taylor; 5, Briggs; 6, Bird; 7, Wood, Mgr.; 8, Holroyd, Capt.; 9, J. J. Evers (Chicago National League club), Coach; 10, Pike; 11, Diver. CITIZENS' CORPS TEAM, TROY, N. Y.

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1, Dick Marcan, Mgr.; 2, W. Hoppe; 3, Harvey; 4, Schuchardt; 5, Felger; 6, Buttenhoff; 7, Baerwald; 8, E. Hoppe; 9, A. Marcan, Capt.; 10, O. Hoppe; 11, Iolz. Guttenstein, Photo. McGREAL TEAM, MILWAUKEE, WIS.

1, Zwicker; 3, Carson; 4, Podhoski; 5, Bigley; 6, Rogers; 7, Byers; 8, Starry; 9, Thompson; 10, Baylor; 11, Locher. Northrop, Photo. MONTICELLO (IOWA) TEAM.

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1, McDonald; 2, Bacon; 3, Wearn, Mgr.; 4, Wakefield; 5, Sheehan; 6, Poor- man; 7, Thielman; 8, Pugh; 9, Lash; 10, Eldred. Owens, Photo. ALL-SACRAMENTO TEAM, Sacramento (Cal.) Indoor Base Ball League.

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 73 ARTICLE XVI. CAUSE FOR EXPULSION. Any League umpire who shall, in the judgement of the Board of Directors, be guilty of ungentlemanly conduct, or of selling or offering to sell a game of which he is umpire, shall thereupon be removed from his official capacity. ARTICLE XVII. MEETINGS. Meetings of the League and Board of Directors shall be held at the call of the chair at least once a month or upon written request of three (3) clubs, three (3) days' notice being necessary. ARTICLE XVIII. GAMES PLAYED. It shall be the duty of the manager or his assistant of the winning team, to notify the Secretary, within forty-eight (48) hours after game is played, the final result of said game, giving complete individual and total score. ARTICLE XIX. BALL. The Spalding Red-Seam ball shall be the official ball of the League and must be used in all League games of the League and be stamped with seal of League. ARTICLE XX. TIE GAMES. All the games shall be decided within three (3) weeks

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from date of tie. ARTICLE XXI. RULES. The Spalding Indoor Base Ball Rules shall govern all game, played in this League. ARTICLE XXII. WINNING OF PENNANT. The club having the largest percentage at the end of season shall be declared winner of pennant,

1, Watts; 2, Black; 3, Him; 4, Sullivan; 5, Andrews; 6, Betzer; 7, Peterson; 8, Seveni; 9, Schroeder; 10, Petrovitch; 11, Throunk; 12, Kelleher, Capt.; 13, Berry; 14, Chaunfrau; 15, Fischer; 16, Byrne; 17, Acomb. Hitchler, Photo. YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION TEAM Champions New Orleans.

1, Weisel; 2, Leach; 3, Boynton, Scorer; 4, DeLaine, Mgr.; 5, Bush; 6, B3ayley; 7, LeSuer; 8, Savory; 9, Maxson; 10, Doud; 11, Dahlquist; 12, Moore; 13, Nystrona Capt, Lee Bros., Photo. -QEAM OF COMPANY B, FIRST REGIMENT, M.N.G., MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

1, Lawson; 2, Harvey; 3, Schmidt; 4, Fay- 5, Cook; 6, Lee; 7, Marcon; 8, Zinsel. ineyer, Mgr.; 9, Bonnet; 10, Hammer; 11, Hoppe; 12, Mascot. Brodesser, Photo, COMPANY F TEAM, MILWAUKEE. WIS.

### HANCOCK'S INDOOR BASE BALL RULES

HANCOCK'S INDOOR BASE BALL RULES AS REVISED AND ADOPTED BY THE National Indoor Base Ball Association OF THE UNITED STATES RULE I. The diamond is laid at one end of the hall, leaving room for the catcher, who always plays close behind the batsman. The bases (except the home plate) are 1/ feet square, made of canvas, half filled with sand or other similar substance. The home plate is of rubber and is one foot square. Each side of the diamond is 27 feet long, and a base is placed in each corner and need not be fastened to the floor. The distance from home to second base, and from first to third base is 38% feet. The pitcher's box is 7 x 3 feet, the nearest line of said box to be 23 feet from the centre of home base. The batsman's box (one to the left and one to the right of the home base) shall be four feet long and three feet wide, extending one

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foot in front of and three feet behind a centre line through the home base, with its nearest side distant six inches from the home base, the outlines to be marked on the floor. When a game is played in a large armory or other large building the diamond may be laid out with 35 feet base lines, the front line of the pitcher's box to be 30 feet from the centre of the home plate. All other dimensions to be the same as when using the 27 feet base lines.

RULE II. THE FOUL LINE. The foul lines must be drawn in straight lines from the outer corner of the home base, along the outer edge of the first and third bases to the boundaries of the ground, so that the bases shall come within the diamond. RULE III. THE BALL. The ball must be not less than  $16\frac{3}{4}$  nor more than  $17\frac{1}{4}$  inches in circumference, made of a yielding substance, not less than 8 nor more than 8 $\frac{3}{4}$  ounces in weight, and covered with a white skin; should it become ripped or torn during a game, a new one must be substituted. The Spalding Red Seam Ball was adopted as the official ball of this Association, and must be stamped with the seal of the Association. When playing the armory game (that is, on the large diamond with 35 foot base lines) the Spalding No. IX. ball, fourteen (14) inches in circumference, shall be the official ball. RULE IV. THE BAT. The bat must be 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  feet long and not larger than 1 $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter in the largest part, and may have a rubber tip on the handle to prevent slipping. It must be made otherwise of wood, except that a metal rod may be passed through the centre to give desired weight, but under no circumstances is lead to be used in loading. The handle may be wound with string or tape. RULE V. THE PLAYERS. Seven to nine players must constitute a side. The players' positions shall be such as shall be assigned them by their captain (on fair ground), except that the pitcher must take his position within the pitcher's lines. When in position on the field, all players will be designated as "fielders" in these rules.

1, Bradshaw; 2, Fay, Mgr.; 3, Semones; 4, Knight; 5, Slavin, Capt.; 6, Payton; 7, Gross; 8, Sterns. WHITE SOX TEAM, CLEVELAND, OHIO.

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1, Miller, Mgr.; 2, McCusker; 3, Lewis; 4, Bader; 5, Paulzine; 6, Leon, Capt.; 7, Spaulding; 8, Stille; 9, Paulzine; 10, Lennon; 11, Heiss. SAN ANTONIO (TEX.) TEAM.

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1, Strange; 2, McWhinney; 3, Kent; 4, Brown; 5, Macklem; 6, Wooley; 7, Emo; 8, Allen; 9 Clark; 10, Brash; 11, Bardgett; 12, Nicholson. NO. 1 TEAM. GOVERNOR GENERAL'S BODY GUARDS, TORONTO, ONT, Campbell & Son, Photo,

(b) In the case of a block, if a person not engaged in the game should retain possession of the ball, or throw or kick it beyond the reach of the fielders, the umpire shall call "time," and require each base runner to stop at the last base touched by him until the ball be returned to the pitcher standing in his box. (c) Special ground rules may be made allowing a certain number of bases on a fair hit into the crowd (or a thrown ball), in which case the above sections are void. RULE XVIII. THE SCORING OF RUNS. One run shall be scored every time a base runner, after having legally touched the first three bases, shall touch the home base before three men are put out. If the third man is forced out, or is put out before reaching first base, a run shall not be scored. RULE XIX. FAIR AND FOUL BALLS. (a) A batted ball which strikes inside or on the foul line is fair, the first point of 'contact with the floor, object or fielder deciding, regardless of where it afterward rolls. (b) A batted ball first striking outside the foul line shall be foul. RULE XX. STRIKES. (a) A strike is a ball struck at by the batsman without its, touching his bat; or a foul tip caught. NOTE.-A base runner can advance on a foul tip caught the same as on a regular strike where the ball did not touch the bat. (b) A good ball, legally delivered by the pitcher, but not struck at by the

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batsman. (c) A good ball, legally delivered by the pitcher and intentionally interfered with by the batsman.

1, Dermody; 2, Neale; 3, Bell; 4, Pheaston; 5, Kerr; 6, Chisholm; 7, Haywood; 8, Mitchell; 9, Luckett; 10, Day. Campbell & Son, Photo. F COMPANY, FORTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT HIGHLANDERS, TORONTO, ONT.

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1, West; 2, Nicholson; 3, Salmon; 4, Stevenson; 5, Swan; 6, Sinclair; 7, St. Denis; 8, Foster; 9, MacDonald; 10, Reid; 11, Rogers. H COMPANY, FIRST BATTALION. SECOND REGIMENT, QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES, TORONTO, ONT. Campbell & Son, Photo.

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SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL 1t WI. 97 (b) If he intentionally kicks or interferes with a ball he has just batted. If a ball he has just batted rebounds and hits him he shall not be declared out on that account. (c) If the third strike be caught before touching the ground or any object. (d) If, after three strikes or a fair hit, be touched with the ball in the hands of a fielder before such base-runner touches first base. (e) If, after three strikes or a fair hit, the ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person, before such base-runner touches first base. (f) If, in running from first to second base, from second to third base, or from third to home base, he runs more than three feet from a direct line between such bases to avoid being touched by a ball in the hands of a fielder; but in case a fielder be occupying a base-runner's proper path, attempting to field a batted ball, then the base-runner shall run out of the path and shall not be declared out for so doing. (g) If he fails to avoid a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or if he in any way obstructs a fielder attempting to field a batted ball, or

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intentionally interferes with a thrown ball. (h) If, at any time, while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder, unless some part of his person is touching a base he is entitled to occupy; provided, the ball be held by the fielder after touching him; but-exception as to first base-in running to first base, he may overrun said base without being put out for being off said base, after first touching it, provided he returns at once and retouches the base, after which he may be put out as at any other base. If, in overrunning first base, he also attempt to run to second base, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

1, Sparr; 2, Croke; 3, Batz; 4, Snyder; 5, Balmer; 6, Stevens; 7, Stewart; 8, Graves; 9, Munn; 10, Martin; 11, Zipf. ENGINE COMPANY 3 TEAM, PITTSBURG, PA.

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1, Dunn; 2, Sinning; 3, Eddy; 4, Yernes, Umpire; 5, Hayenga; 6, Adams; 7 Harberts; 8, McLean, Mgr.; 9, Rath, Capt.; 10, Smith. - . M. C. A. HAWKEYES, DUBUQUE, IOWA. Champions of Iowa. The Palace Studio, Photo,

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE 101 No coacher will be allowed up when the bases are un-occupied, and only one coacher when one base is occupied, and no more than two coachers when two or more bases are occupied. RULE XXXII. SUITABLE SHOES. Only shoes with rubber soles or other soft material shall be used, and in all league games teams must be fully uniformed. RULE XXXIII. PITCHER MUST WAIT. When a base-runner is legally entitled to return to a base, the pitcher must wait a reasonable time for him to reach the base, on penalty of giving the base-runner another base for violation. RULE XXXIV. UMPIRES. (a) The umpires are masters of the field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and are entitled to the respect of the spectators, and any person offering any insult or injury to either of them must be promptly ejected from the room by those in charge. (b) The umpires must compel the players to observe the provisions of all the playing rules, and are hereby invested with authority to

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order any player to do or omit to do any act as they may deem necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions. (c) There shall be two umpires, who shall take suitable positions on the field for observing the plays which they are to judge. (d) No. 1 shall decide on and call all balls, strikes, blocks, dead balls, balks, illegal deliveries, fair and foul hits, ground hits, foul strikes, all questions arising at home

1, Simons; 2, J. Good; 3, Baker; 4, Russell; 5, Birkedahl; 6, Mesh; 7, Dudley; 8, Reid, Mgr.; 9, W. Good; 10, Barnes; 11, Davis. GARNITA TEAM, DENVER, COL.

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. 105 be put out, base be run or run be scored. The umpire shall suspend play only for an accident to himself or a player (but in case of accident to a fielder "time" shall not be called until the ball be returned to and held by the pitcher standing in his box). (b) "Time" must not be called for trivial causes.

The practice of players suspending the game to discuss or contest a decision with either umpire is a gross violation of the rules and the umpire must not allow it. (c) If a player wilfully disobeys the cautions of the umpires in regard to violations of the rules he may, at the discretion of the umpires, be ordered out of the game and his place be filled, if such decision reduce the side to less than eight players. RULE XXXVI. SCORING. In order to promote uniformity in scoring, the following suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers, and they are required to make all scores in accordance therewith.

SECTION I. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. No time at bat shall be scored if the batsman be given first base on called balls or on an illegal delivery of the ball by the pitcher. SEC. 2. In the second column shall be set down the number of hits made by each player. A hit should be scored in the following cases: When the ball from the bat strikes the ground within the foul lines and out of reach of the fielders. When a hit ball is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself



in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches first base. When a ball is hit with such force to a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman,

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. When a ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out the batsman. That in all cases where a base-runner is retired by being hit by a batted ball, the batsman should be credited with a hit. SEC. 3. In the third column should be set down the number of runs made by each player during the game. SEC. 4. In the fourth column shall be set down the number of opponents put out by each player. When a batsman is called out for a foul strike,\* or when he fails to bat in the proper order, the put-out shall be scored to the catcher. In all cases of out for interference or running out of line, the put-out shall be credited to the player who would have made the play, but for the action of the base-runner or batsman. SEC. 5. The number of times the player assists shall be set down in the fifth column. An assist shall be given to each player who handles the ball in assisting a put-out or other play of the kind. An assist should be given to the player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who could complete the play fails through no fault of the player assisting. SEC. 6. An error should be given in the sixth column for each misplay which allows the batsman or base-runner to make one or more bases, when perfect play would have insured his being put out, except that "wild pitches," "bases on balls," or illegal pitched balls, balks or passed balls, all of which comprise battery 'errors, shall not be included in this column. An error shall not be scored against the catcher for a wild throw to prevent a stolen base, unless the base-runner advances an extra base because of the error. No error shall be scored against a fielder who attempts to complete a double play, unless the throw is so wild that an additional base is gained.

## MINNEAPOLIS NATIONAL GUARD INDOOR BASE BALL LEAGUE

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110 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. of course, would not hold good for teams playing on a small field. It is the intention of the Twin City National Guard companies to next year organize an intercity league. This we have been unable to do so far on account of conflicting dates. St. Paul, however, is an enthusiastic indoor base ball town. The companies of the National Guard have a league and there are a number of fast independent teams in the city. In conclusion, let us say that for an indoor winter sport, especially for companies of National Guard, indoor base ball has no peer. Our experience has been that the game appeals to the better class of young men, men who seek development physically, and the man who is anxious to build up a strong athletic constitution is the man who makes a good soldier-attracted perhaps not by the military at first, but by the game of indoor base ball. To this fact we are indebted for a goodly number of very good soldiers in the National Guard companies of the Twin Cities.

### INDOOR BASE BALL IN ST. LOUIS

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112 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. Louis, resulted in a 4 to 2 victory for the Chicago bunch, thanks to the good work of Searles, Gallagher and Hoffman. John C. Meyers, who promoted the event, stated after the series that he would try and make it an annual affair. The St. Ann's team, State champions, played 16 settos and suffered but a single defeat. The State Champs record for the season follows: St. Ann's, 4; Rock Church C. I., 2. St. Ann's, 11; St. Teresa's, 6. St. Ann's, 4; St. Marks, 3. St. Ann's, 9; Rock Church C. I., 2. St. Ann's, 6; Rock Church C. I., 5. St. Ann's, 5; St. Teresa's, 1. St. Ann's, 10; St. Teresa's, 4. St. Ann's, 4; St. Teresa's, 3. St. Ann's, 3; Mikado's, 1. St. Ann's, 4; Concordia T. V.'s, 2. St. Ann's, 8; Christian Brothers College, 6. St. Ann's, 10; Christian Brothers College, 9. St. Ann's, 5; Christian Brothers College, 4. St. Ann's, 2; Cairo, Ill., 0. St. Ann's, 13; Cairo, Ill., 9. St. Ann's, 4; Cairo, Ill., 5.

### INDOOR BASE BALL IN NEW ORLEANS

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114 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. The team of the Young Men's Christian Association as far back as 1901 played and defeated the New Orleans professional outdoor base ball team in a series of five games, winning all five contests. About the same time several other games were played by the Y.M.C.A. against amateur teams composed of outdoor ball players who had taken up the game, and all these contests were won by the association boys. Later, games were played against the local gymnastic clubs, and in every instance the Y.Mo C.A. players won a majority of the games played, and not a single season so far has the championship of New Orleans been taken away from them. The nine which represented the Young Men's Christian Association in the New Orleans Indoor Base Ball League was a remarkably strong one in every department of the game. Five of the fourteen games won were shut-outs, every team in the league being blanked once. That the team was an almost perfect piece of fielding machinery is shown by the fielding averages, the Y.M. C.A. nine being credited officially with a percentage of .953. In Edward P. Throunk, pitcher, and John Petrovich, catcher, the team had a battery of phenomenal strength. Throunk won all the games he pitched, thirteen in number, and four of these were shut-outs. The standing of the six teams in the league was as follows: Teams. Played. Won. Lost. P.C. Young Men's Christian Association..... 15 .4 1 .933 Young Men's Gymnastic Club..... 15 12 3 .800 Southern Athletic Club..... 15 8 7 .533 Ss. Peter and Paul's Ushers..... 15 7 8 .467 Phoenix Athletic Club ..... 15 3 12 .200 Young Men's Hebrew Association..... 15 1 14 .067

## INDOOR BASE BALL IN GRAND RAPIDS

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I 6 SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. following teams: Olympic Athletic Club, Battalions, National Athletic Club, Manhattan Athletic Club, Valley City

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Athletic Club, Pulcher Club and Ernie Reeds. Five of these teams had halls located in different parts of the city where games could be played. This scattered location of halls was a good thing, as it gave the league a chance to draw crowds from different parts of the city, and insured good attendance at all times. The schedule was arranged so that each team played each of the other teams twice, once at their own hall, if they had one, and the second time at their opponent's hall. In case a team had no hall they were allowed to choose the place for playing one of the games. Several times rather fine points in the interpretation of the rules of the game came up, and President R. L. Welch, of the National Association, was communicated with for a ruling. Teams were instructed at all times to play their games out instead of leaving the floor if they thought the umpire was unfair in the interpretation of the rules. The game could then be protested to the President of the league and both sides heard. A decision was afterwards made which was usually satisfactory. The Olympic Athletic Club team made a great record, winning all of its twelve scheduled games, and the silver cup which had been offered as a trophy. The Olympic team, which before the organization of the league played under the name of the Star Clothing Company, also won a game from Owosso, the team that has claimed the championship of the State. The indoor team of the Olympic Club also won the championship of Western Michigan in 1894, and for six successive seasons prior, and so has an enviable reputation. The Olympics won in the league race this year because of their superior knowledge of the fine points of the game. They understood the rules, they were fast, and played together, displaying great team work, often to the sacrifice of individual starrng. They were tricky, but at the same time played a clean game, and had been coached so that they knew just how

## INDOOR BASE BALL FOR WOMEN

SPALDING'S OFFICIAL INDOOR BASE BALL GUIDE. The second reason for the slow development of indoor base ball for women is found in the fact that the coaches and teams

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may be discouraged before the players become proficient in the game. There are natural ball players among women, but it takes much time and patience to develop the playing of most individuals and a longer time for team work. However, it seems to me this is no more difficult than the development of a foot ball team from a body of men who have never played in a game. There is a general impression that women can not throw a ball, but experience shows they can acquire the short, quick throws of indoor base ball. It is admitted, of course, that they cannot develop the strength of throw, fielding or battery that men do, but the skill acquired in the ball game compares favorably with that attained in other games for women, such as basket ball and the art of fencing. In the West Division High School gymnasium the girls have played indoor base ball according to the standard rules, and used the regulation diamond, bat and ball. It is perhaps early for suggestions of modifications, but it seems to me the game can be improved if a lighter, softer and quite elastic ball is used. Such a ball was furnished us by A. G. Spalding & Bros., and was recently tried with great success. The advantages of this ball are that it is more easily batted and fielded than the regulation ball, which, of course; makes the game livelier and reduces the difference in playing strength of the boys and the girls' teams. I suggest that sliding to bases be not allowed. There is great danger of personal injury to players unaccustomed to this form of locomotion which is considered unsafe by some of the best athletes among men. I object to it also for the same reason that batting the ball from the hands of an opponent has been abolished in the modified rules for basket ball, viz.:—that it introduces into the game certain roughness entirely out of harmony with true sport. For psychological and physiological training and development the

game offers many advantages. It is not as violent as basket ball, and for that reason it is a much safer sport for women. High exertion is required only at intervals, and is not continued long enough to be injurious to a player in normal physical condition. In this respect indoor base ball excels all other forms of school and college athletics. Foot ball and basket ball require such physical strength and endurance that they are prohibitive to all who are not above the normal physical development. Candidates for an outdoor base

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ball team must have skill acquired by years of practice, and should possess considerable endurance. All athletic games are open to young men who possess the requisite physical development and acquired skill, but the young women have not engaged to any extent in more than two athletic exercises, tennis and basket ball. Indoor base ball requires more and quicker exertion than tennis, brings into action more muscles of the body and permits eighteen players in a space equal to that required for four tennis players. There are nine positions to be filled, and each player must adapt herself to the place she occupies, and should, to a certain extent, possess peculiar qualifications for her part in the game. It is, therefore, possible to take a class of young women in which there is a variety of physical strength, size and mental traits, and from this class develop a team which will work together effectually and harmoniously. Coaches of women's basket ball players have experienced special difficulty in securing team work, and for facilitating this desirable feature of all athletics, they have added boundaries and modified the rules. The natural boundaries of a base ball diamond and the necessity of each player remaining in her own position are conducive to team work in all indoor teams. The results of indoor base ball for girls in the West Division High School, Chicago, have shown that it is success-

ful in every way. Marked improvement in the physical condition of the players has resulted in every case. No one showed any of the effects resulting from over exertion. Girls bat well, and soon learn fielding. They throw easily overhanded and underhanded, and after a few weeks' practice develop considerable speed. The most difficult places to fill are usually the pitcher's and catcher's positions. Among several candidates, however, some one can be found possessing the requisite strength of arm and wrist for the pitcher's work. Such players may improve rapidly, and learn to pitch surprisingly swift balls. There are some natural catchers who receive the ball excellently, but it usually requires time to develop material for this position. Experienced players can learn to catch after a little practice unless they are afraid of the bat.

## HOW TO TEACH GIRLS TO PLAY INDOOR BASE BALL

HOW TO TEACH GIRLS TO PLAY INDOOR BASE BALL BY Jos. CERMAK, Gymnastic Instructor, J. Medill High School, Chicago, Ill. T HE further we advance in teaching gymnastics the more we must recognize the importance of games in that branch of education called, "Physical Culture." Nay, we hear the voices of some of the most prominent physiologists and psychologists who claim that plays are the only ideal form of gymnastic exercises, whereby we can attain marvelous agility, strength, endurance, by which we cultivate self-control, self-reliance, those important faculties, which only enable us to be successful in our strenuous struggle for existence. Admitting all this, we naturally come to a question, what kind of games will bring us those satisfactory results ? Most decidedly those which the children like best-games which arouse pleasant feeling, which we play with joy, with enthusiasm-for such feeling alone is apt to stimulate the heart to a vigorous action and drive the blood and a new life through our whole system. And my long experience as a teacher of gymnastics convinced me that of all the games I have introduced, girls like indoor base ball the best. Fact is, that we shall find individual girls who do not like the game, but such girls are, as a rule, indifferent to any kind of game, to any kind of physical exercise. Everything is "too much like work" for them. But ninety per cent. of our girls, as soon as they learn the simple rudiments of base ball, play it with the same en- thusiasm at the end of school year as at the beginning. It is a game which is developing all our bodily powers, a game in which mind must be just as quick as our body, is void of all danger of injury or strain,- is a purely American game, and those are the chief reasons for which I have introduced it in our girls' classes, and, allow me to add, with success. The main problem a teacher encounters in introducing base ball in

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